**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended) A sewable snap fastener constructed of resilient material for receiving stitches from a sewing process where a needle in the sewing process penetrates portions the sewable snap fastener, the sewable snap fastener provided for detachably fastening together two opposing pieces of material, the sewable snap fastener comprising:

a socket member adapted for sewed attachment to a first piece of material, said socket member comprising a socket portion defining a receiving cavity and a cavity lip leading into the receiving cavity, said socket member further comprising an integrally formed socket flange that extends outward from the socket portion to define a sewing region having a surface provided to receive stitches for stitching the socket member to the first piece of material, and a back surface disposed adjacent the first piece of material, wherein the stitch penetrations through the sewing region of the socket flange are produced from the sewing process;

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an opposing stud member adapted for sewed attachment to a second piece of material, said stud member comprising a stud portion defining a projecting outer lip configured for engagement with the socket portion of the socket member so that the first and second pieces of material can be detachably joined, said stud member further comprising an integrally formed stud flange that extends outward from the stud portion to define a sewing region having a surface provided to receive stitches for stitching the stud member to the second piece of material, and a back surface disposed adjacent the second piece of material, wherein the stitch penetrations through the sewing region of the stud flange are produced from the sewing process; ~~and~~

channeling means for reducing the build up of unwanted debris within the sewable snap fastener ,wherein the channeling means comprises:

a passage that extends from the projecting outer lip, through the stud portion of the stud member, to the back surface of the stud member to allow debris to be channeled between the back surface of the stud member and the second piece of material; and

a receiving cavity that extends from the cavity lip, through the socket portion of the socket member to the back surface of the socket member to allow debris to be channeled between the back surface of the socket member and the first piece of material.

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Claim 2 (canceled) A sewable snap fastener as recited in claim 1 wherein the channeling means is defined in part by a passage that extends from the projecting outer lip, through the stud portion of the stud member, to the back surface of the stud member to allow debris to be channeled between the back surface of the stud member and the second piece of material.

Claim 3 (canceled) A sewable snap fastener as recited in claim 1 wherein the channeling means comprises a receiving cavity that extends from the cavity lip, through the socket portion of the socket member to the back surface of the socket member to allow debris to be channeled between the back surface of the socket member and the first piece of material.

Claim 4 (original) A sewable snap fastener as recited in claim 1 wherein the stud portion of the stud member further comprises a compression slot transversely formed through a portion of the outer lip.

Claim 5 (canceled) A sewable snap fastener as recited in claim 4 wherein the channeling means comprises a passage that extends from the compression slot, through the stud portion of the stud member, to the back surface of the stud

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member to allow debris to be channeled between the back surface of the stud member and the second piece of material.

Claim 6 (canceled) A sewable snap fastener as recited in claim 5 wherein the channeling means comprises a receiving cavity that extends from the cavity lip, through the socket portion of the socket member to the back surface of the socket member to allow debris to be channeled between the back surface of the socket member and the first piece of material.

Claim 7 (original) A sewable snap fastener as recited in claim 1 wherein the cavity lip is formed by a counter bore that extends through the socket portion from the back surface of the socket flange.

Claim 8 (original) A sewable snap fastener as recited in claim 1 wherein the socket flange extends outward from the socket portion to define a sewing region having a surface provided to receive stitches arranged in a vertical pattern so that the stitches will not obstruct debris from dropping away from the snap fastener between the back surface thereof and the material.

Claim 9 (withdrawn) A method of making a sewable snap fastener constructed of resilient material for receiving

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stitches from a sewing process where a needle in the sewing process penetrates portions the sewable snap fastener, the sewable snap fastener provided for detachably fastening together two opposing pieces of material, the method comprising the steps:

forming a socket member adapted for sewed attachment to a first piece of material, said socket member comprising a socket portion defining a receiving cavity and a cavity lip leading into the receiving cavity, said socket member further comprising an integrally formed socket flange that extends outward from the socket portion to define a sewing region having a surface provided to receive stitches for stitching the socket member to the first piece of material, and a back surface disposed adjacent the first piece of material, wherein the stitch penetrations through the sewing region of the socket flange are produced from the sewing process;

forming an opposing stud member adapted for sewed attachment to a second piece of material, said stud member comprising a stud portion defining a projecting outer lip configured for engagement with the socket portion of the socket member so that the first and second pieces of material can be detachably joined, said stud member further comprising an integrally formed stud flange that extends outward from the stud portion to define a sewing region having a surface provided to receive stitches for stitching

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the stud member to the second piece of material, and a back surface disposed adjacent the second piece of material, wherein the stitch penetrations through the sewing region of the stud flange are produced from the sewing process; and

providing channeling means for reducing the build up of unwanted debris within the sewable snap fastener.

Claim 10 (withdrawn) A method of making a sewable snap fastener as recited in claim 9 wherein the channeling means comprises a passage formed to extend from the projecting outer lip, through the stud portion of the stud member, to the back surface of the stud member to allow debris to be channeled between the back surface of the stud member and the second piece of material.

Claim 11 (withdrawn) A method of making a sewable snap fastener as recited in claim 9 wherein the channeling means comprises a receiving cavity formed to extend from the cavity lip, through the socket portion of the socket member to the back surface of the socket member to allow debris to be channeled between the back surface of the socket member and the first piece of material.

Claim 12 (withdrawn ) A method of making a sewable snap fastener as recited in claim 9 further comprising the

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step of forming a compression slot transversely through a portion of the outer lip.

Claim 13 (withdrawn) A method of making a sewable snap fastener as recited in claim 12 wherein the channeling means comprises a passage that extends from the compression slot, through the stud portion of the stud member, to the back surface of the stud member to allow debris to be channeled between the back surface of the stud member and the second piece of material.

Claim 14 (withdrawn) A method of making a sewable snap fastener as recited in claim 13 wherein the channeling means comprises a receiving cavity that extends from the cavity lip, through the socket portion of the socket member to the back surface of the socket member to allow debris to be channeled between the back surface of the socket member and the first piece of material.

Claim 15 (withdrawn) A method of making a sewable snap fastener as recited in claim 9 further comprising the step of forming a counter bore that extends partially through the socket portion from the back surface of the socket flange.

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Claim 16 (withdrawn) A method of making a sewable snap fastener as recited in claim 9 further comprising the step of extending the socket flange outward from the socket portion to define a sewing region having a surface provided to receive stitches arranged in a vertical pattern so that the stitches will not obstruct debris from dropping away from the snap fastener between the back surface thereof and the material.

Claim 17 (canceled) A sewable snap fastener constructed of resilient material for receiving stitches from a sewing process where a needle in the sewing process penetrates portions the sewable snap fastener, the sewable snap fastener provided for detachably fastening together two opposing pieces of material, the sewable snap fastener comprising:

a socket member adapted for sewed attachment to a first piece of material, said socket member comprising a socket portion defining a receiving cavity and a cavity lip leading into the receiving cavity;

an opposing stud member adapted for sewed attachment to a second piece of material, said stud member comprising a stud portion defining a projecting outer lip configured for engagement with the socket portion of the socket member so that the first and second pieces of material can be detachably joined;

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wherein the socket member further comprises an integrally formed socket flange that extends outward from the socket portion to define a sewing region provided to receive stitches for stitching the socket member to the first piece of material, wherein the stitch penetrations through the sewing region of the socket flange are produced from the sewing process; and

wherein the stud member further comprises an integrally formed stud flange that extends outward from the stud portion to define a sewing region having a provided to receive stitches for stitching the stud member to the second piece of material wherein the stitch penetrations through the sewing region of the stud flange are produced from the sewing process.

Claim 18 (canceled) A sewable snap fastener as recited in claim 17 wherein the stud member and the socket member are each monolithically formed integrally of resilient material.

Claim 19 (canceled) A sewable snap fastener as recited in claim 17 wherein the stud member further comprises a passage through the stud portion so that the material stitched to the stud member is in communication with the receiving cavity of the socket member.

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Claim 20 (canceled) A sewable snap fastener as recited in claim 17 wherein the stud portion further comprises a compression slot disposed transversely to the plane defined by the outer lip.



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